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SUBJ: MEXICO CITY MARINE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

PLS PASS NOAA, COAST GUARD, EPA, NAVY, INTERIOR

1. EMBASSY AND TRADE CENTER PROPOSE TO HOLD MARINE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE IN RESPONSE TO INTEREST IN MEXICO IN ALMOST EVERY PHASE OF MARINE TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE. PARTLY BECAUSE OF LAW OF THE SEA AND PARTLY BECAUSE MEXICO IS NATURALLY BLESSED WITH POTENTIAL GREAT MARINE RESOURCES, WE FEEL THAT US.-SPONSORED CONFERENCE AT THIS TIME CAN CREATE TREMENDOUS INTEREST IN US. PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY OBTAINED SUPPORT FROM MANY SECTORS OF MEXICAN COMMUNITY FOR SUCH CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS INTEREST FROM US. ORGANIZATIONS(E.G. MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY) AND COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE. WE DO NEED HELP, HOWEVER, TO MATCH MEXICAN ENTHUSIASM, PARTICULARLY IN OBTAINING USG SPEAKERS. MEXICO CHAPTER OF INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICA AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS HAS AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR CONFERENCE.

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2. TOPICS TO BE COVERED AT CONFERENCE ARE: MARINE RESOURCES,

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INCLUDING FISHERIES, MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES; NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS; COASTAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PORTS, TOURISM, AND MARINE POLLUTION. EMBASSY REQUESTS HELP OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN PROVIDING SPEAKERS.

3. FOR NOAA- WE NEED NOAA'S ASSISTANCE AS MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN SUBJECT AREAS UNDER NOAA JURISDICTION. WE REQUEST NOAA SUPPLY SEVERAL SPEAKERS TO TALK ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS LOCATING FISH SCHOOLS USING HYDROACOUSTICS, USE OF SATELLITES TO REMOTELY SENSE OCEAN PHENOMENA, ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF OCEANS, AND COASTAL DEVELOPMENT. ALSO, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE DR. WHITE TO GIVE KEYNOTE SPEECH AND OPEN CONFERENCE. DR. WHITE'S AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE WOULD STIMULATE COOPERATION BY HIGH LEVEL GOM OFFICIALS.

4. FOR COAST GUARD AND EPA - WE ARE PUSHING FOR AGREEMENT WITH GOM ON OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN. MEXICAN NAVY HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE. PRESENTATIONS BY COAST GUARD AND EPA REPRESENTATIVES MIGHT LEAD TO DISCUSSION OF AND EVENTUAL MEXICAN AGREEMENT ON OIL SPILL PLAN.

5. FOR NAVY - WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM NAVAL RESEARCH OR ELECTRONICS LAB ON ADVANCEMENTS IN MARINE COMMUNICATION AND NAVIGATION.

6. FOR INTERIOR - IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE HELP IN FINDING SOMEONE TO DISCUSS EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES IN MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

7. WE PLAN TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND US. UNIVERSITIES WHERE APPROPRIATE. AS OUR BUDGET IS SMALL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AGENCIES FURNISHING TRAVEL OF SPEAKERS SO WE CAN COVER EXPENSES OF NON-GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL. VISUAL AIDS THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PRESENTATIONS WOULD BE WELCOME. SPEECHES AND FILMS MAY BE IN ENGLISH AS TRADE CENTER HAS SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATING FACILITIES.

8. ENTHUSIASTIC COOPERATION OF MEXICAN MARINE SCIENTISTS
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AND TECHNOLOGISTS IN CONFERENCE PROMISES TO OFFER POTENTIAL IN SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL SALES POSSIBILITIES, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS ON MARINE POLLUTION, FISHING AND MINERAL RIGHTS, AND WILL INCREASE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOM POSITION ON 200-MILE PATRIMONIAL SEA.

9. SEVERAL US. COMPANIES HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXHIBIT AREA. WE WILL PROCEED WITH RECRUITMENT OF

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EXHIBITORS AND WOULD APPRECIATE COMMERCE ASSISTANCE IN FINDING OTHER INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS.

10. EMBSCIOFF RICHARD STEMPLE IS COORDINATING CONFERENCE WITHIN EMBASSY AND WILL BE RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS AT OCEAN 75, MARINE TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO.
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